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WEATHER

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'Kumkum Bhagya' Actor Sanchita Ugale Dies by Alleged Suicide



Television actor Sanchita Ugale, known for her roles in popular shows such as 'Kumkum Bhagya' and 'Wagle Ki Duniya', was found dead at her residence in Mumbai's Nalasopara area in an alleged case of suicide. She was 22. According to police, the incident took place on the evening of June 14 at Sai Santoshi Building in Achole village, Nalasopara East. Officials said Sanchita was found hanging from a ceiling fan in her bedroom using a saree. The room was locked from the inside. Family members rushed her to a Vasai-Virar Municipal Corporation hospital, where doctors declared her dead after examination. The incident occurred between 7 and 7.30 pm on June 14th. Sanchita had locked the door from the inside.

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HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday accused the Centre of creating hurdles in the release of the ₹13,600-crore refinancing loan sanctioned by the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) to the state government for the takeover of the Hyderabad Metro Rail project. Demanding clarity from the Centre on Hyderabad Metro Phase-II, the Chief Minister asked the BJP government to either facilitate the loan disbursement or issue a no-objection certificate (NOC) to allow the state government to independently execute Metro Rail expansion works.

Addressing a press conference at the Secretariat, Revanth Reddy said the IRFC was required to disburse the loan by June 15 in accordance with the MoU signed with the government, but had failed to do so. He alleged that Union minister G. Kishan Reddy had met urban affairs minister Manohar Lal Khattar on May 20



and railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on May 21 and exerted pressure on them to halt the loan disbursement for political reasons. Revanth Reddy alleged that Kishan Reddy was creating obstacles at the behest of BRS chief K. Chandrasekhar Rao and its working president K.T. Rama Rao. He also alleged that the BJP and the BRS were acting in concert to stall the Metro Rail expansion and defame the Congress government. Revanth Reddy said several proposed Metro Rail corridors would benefit constituencies represented by BJP MPs, including Secunderabad, Malkajgiri, Medak and Chevella, besides Assembly segments

represented by BRS legislators in Greater Hyderabad limits. "The Centre need not contribute the 50 per cent share. Give us the NOC to secure the IRFC loan to mobilise funds for Phase-II, and we will bear the entire cost of the project expansion," Revanth Reddy said. He asked the Centre to explain why Metro Rail projects in cities such as Ahmedabad and Visakhapatnam and other locations had received approvals while Hyderabad's expansion proposal remained pending. Claiming that he had evidence supporting his allegations, the Chief Minister said the Centre had delayed the release of

funds despite the state government fulfilling all conditions stipulated by the IRFC. He stated that Telangana had paid ₹1,400 crore as margin money and ₹84 crore as processing fee and submitted documents, including Reserve Bank of India approvals, required for the refinancing arrangement. Revanth Reddy said the state government had secured the refinancing package at an interest rate of around four per cent through IRFC, backed by funding from a Japanese agency, compared to the existing loan burden of ₹13,600 crore raised by L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad at an interest rate of 8.25 per cent. The refinancing, he said, would significantly reduce the Metro Rail project's debt servicing burden and save nearly ₹150 crore annually in interest payments. The Chief Minister also questioned the pace of development of the Warangal airport project and said he had raised the issue with Union civil aviation minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, seeking faster implementation.

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held delegation-level talks with his Slovak counterpart Robert Fico in Bratislava on Monday during the first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Slovakia. The Indian delegation included External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, MEA Secretary (West) Sibi George and Additional Secretary in the MEA Puja Kapur. Earlier in the day, Modi received a ceremonial welcome and a Guard of Honour on his arrival in Bratislava as he began the second leg of his European tour.

The two leaders also met at the historic Bratislava Castle for bilateral engagements and visited an art exhibition ahead of their formal talks. PM Modi was received by Slovak Foreign and European Affairs Minister Juraj Blazar at the airport on Sunday evening and accorded a symbolic, traditional Slovak greeting—the offering of bread and



salt. In a post on X, he said, "The welcome in Bratislava included the traditional offering of bread and salt, a beautiful reflection of Slovakia's rich cultural heritage and the values of goodwill and friendship they cherish." The reception for PM Modi included the Kopaniciarik children's folk ensemble from the Myjava region, dressed in vibrant, traditional Slovak attire, who performed a lively folk dance. In another post on X, PM Modi shared snippets from the captivating performance, stating, "Folk traditions such as these help preserve one's culture and history."

He also expressed gratitude to the Indian community for their warmth and affection as he arrived as India's first PM to visit the country, highlighting that such gestures reflect the enduring bonds that

connect the people and strengthen the India-Slovakia friendship. Prime Minister Modi is in Slovakia on a three-day visit at the invitation of Slovakian Prime Minister Robert Fico. The visit follows President Droupadi Murmu's State Visit to Slovakia in April 2025 and the Slovak President Peter Pellegrini's visit to India for the AI Impact Summit in February 2026. During the visit, PM Modi is scheduled to hold talks with Fico and meet with President Pellegrini. Discussions are expected to focus on enhancing co-operation in trade, investment, innovation, automobile manufacturing, railway development and other strategic sectors.

In his departure statement ahead of his visit to France and Slovakia, PM had said, "I look forward to holding discussions with President Pellegrini and Prime Minister Fico in Bratislava. I will also have the opportunity to interact with Slovak business leaders. Building on the momentum of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement.

CJP Founder Abhijeet Dipke Attacked Before Public Address

JAIPUR Wakeup telangana

The founder of the satirical political party-turned social movement Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), Abhijeet Dipke was attacked before he addressed fellow protestors in Rajathan's Jaipur on Monday. Videos emerged of the incident showing Abhijeet getting slapped four times by unidentified persons who emerged from the crowd at Jaipur's



Shaheed Smarak. The CJP founder was being carried on the shoulders of the supporters of the movement, towards the podium to speak, when he was attacked. The attackers were immediately apprehended by the crowd, who manhan-

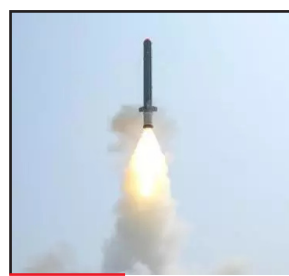
dled him in return, before handing them over to the police. Further details are awaited towards the incident. Abhijeet Dipke was in Jaipur as part of the movement's nationwide protest campaign, calling for the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over his alleged incompetence in the role, among other issues including unemployment and corruption.

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India Tests Long-Range Cruise Missile

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Monday successfully conducted the flight-test of the indigenously developed Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast, marking a significant milestone in India's indigenous missile development programme. According to official sources, all mission objectives were successfully achieved during the test.



The missile's performance was closely monitored through various tracking instruments deployed by the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, and the collected data confirmed that all flight parameters met the desired objectives. The LRLACM has been developed entirely with

indigenous technologies, with its various subsystems designed and developed by different DRDO laboratories in collaboration with Indian industry partners. The Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru, served as the nodal laboratory for the project. Senior officials of DRDO, along with representatives from the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force, witnessed the successful launch. Defence minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the

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Unmapped Voters to Put 2002 SIR Details in Enumeration Form

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Towards averting the possibility of receiving notices from Election Commission under the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral roll, voters who could not be mapped have a chance of getting mapped by filling in the details of 2002 SIR in the 'Enumeration Form'. Information related to 2002 SIR will be available with booth-level officers who will visit houses during the enumeration phase be-

ginning June 25. Chief Electoral Officer K. Sudharshan Reddy said that the printed hard copies of electoral roll of SIR 2002 will be available with the BLOs, and they would assist voters to find their names. "The details can be retrieved by the voters from the official website <https://ceotelangana.nic.in> or <https://voters.eci.gov.in> by using the "search by Electors details" option available in the search facility of the portal," the CEO said. Partwise elec-

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World Welcomes, Israel Rejects US-Iran Peace Deal

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As the United States of America and Iran agreed to end the 107-day long war that has held the world on an economic chokehold, reactions from global players including the United Nations, European Union and other nation states poured in. While most nations welcome the possible end of war in the region, Israel has dismissed the peace talks and has stated that 'we are not partners to it,'

declaring that the nation is not bound to the ceasefire. The EU's top officials Monday welcomed a deal between the United States and Iran to end the Middle East war, saying Europe was ready to contribute to "a lasting peace". "I look forward to an end to this costly war and to the full restoration of freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz," Antonio Costa, the president of the European Council representing member states, wrote on X. "Weapons must now fall



silent," Costa urged, saying the "European Union is ready to contribute to advancing a comprehensive strategy for lasting peace across the Middle East." The United States and Iran said they had reached a deal to end the Middle East war on all fronts including Lebanon,

and reopen the vital Strait of Hormuz, though they offered little indication on the thorny question of Tehran's nuclear programme. European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen stressed the "priority now is its swift and full implementation" -- calling on "all parties to respect Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity and implement a genuine ceasefire." "There can be no peace in the Middle East while Lebanon is in flames," she

warned, adding that Hormuz reopening was "essential for regional stability and the global economy" and that a final deal "should end Iran's nuclear and ballistic programmes and its destabilising activities in the region." Heading into talks with the bloc's foreign ministers, EU top diplomat Kaja Kallas said ministers would discuss Monday "how the EU can be closely involved in the next phase."

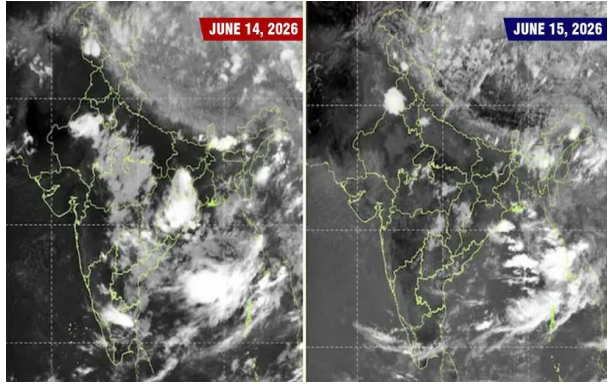
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Monsoon halts in TS, as heatwave warning issued for 48-hours

The IMD has issued a heatwave warning for several Telangana districts as the Southwest Monsoon remains weak over the State. While thunderstorms are expected this week, experts indicate that stronger monsoon activity may return only after June 22 and 23

HYDERABAD
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The much-awaited advance of the Southwest Monsoon across Telangana has stalled, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, issuing a heatwave warning for several districts for the next 48 hours. The warning comes amid delayed monsoon activity and rising temperatures across the state. According to the IMD, maximum temperatures between 41°C and 44°C are likely in Adilabad, Komuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, and Jayashankar Bhupalpally districts. Residents in these



areas have been advised to take precautions against heat-related illnesses by staying hydrated and avoiding prolonged exposure to the sun during peak afternoon hours. While the monsoon has made progress in parts of the country, it has not yet fully established itself over Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Meteorological officials and cli-

mate scientists indicate that the Southwest Monsoon may regain momentum after June 22 or 23, raising hopes for improved rainfall conditions in the region. Until then, the IMD has forecast widespread thunderstorm activity across Telangana. Several districts are expected to experience lightning, gusty winds with speeds of 30-50 kmph, and scat-

tered rainfall during the middle of the week. By then, nearly all districts in the state are likely to witness thunderstorm-related weather, providing some temporary relief from the prevailing heat. The broader national monsoon picture also remains a cause for concern. Satellite images captured by INSAT-3DS on Monday showed a lack of significant rain-bearing cloud formations over southern and central India, highlighting the weak monsoon conditions currently affecting large parts of the country. Climatologists are closely monitoring atmospheric patterns to understand the factors influencing the slowdown in monsoon advance-

ment. Rainfall statistics further underline the situation. Between June 4 and June 15, India recorded only 19.2 mm of rainfall, compared to the normal average of 53.7 mm for the period. This represents a 64 percent nationwide rainfall deficit, reflecting one of the weakest starts to the monsoon season in recent years. Weather experts expect the situation to improve if the monsoon strengthens after June 22-23. Until then, Telangana is likely to experience a combination of heatwave conditions during the day and thunderstorms with gusty winds in the evenings, making weather conditions

Telangana schools reopen after 52-day summer break; breakfast scheme relaunched

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After 52-day summer vacation, students have returned to the classrooms as the schools across the State reopened for the fresh academic year 2026-27 on Monday. The schools were supposed to commence on June 12. However, the School Education department deferred the reopening to June 15, citing representations from various stakeholders. Although students returned, the schools reported thin attendance as reopening coincided with Amavasya (no moon day), which traditionally considered inauspicious day for any new beginning. Mean-



while, after depriving students of their first meal in the schools for two academic years, the Telangana Congress government on Monday relaunched the breakfast scheme and introduced milk scheme in select government and local body schools in the State. Participating in the breakfast relaunch, Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampallapudi Prabhakar dined with

students at Government High School Raj Bhavan. Textbooks and notebooks were also distributed to students. A total of 68,73,019 students enrolled in 39,789 schools during the academic year 2025-26. Of the total, 16,80,910 students enrolled in 24,219 government and local body schools, and 43,58,729 students admitted in 11,832 private unaided schools.

SIR: Revanth Flags Concern Over Possible Massive Voter Deletion

Attempts are being made to delete votes on ground of suspicion

HYDERABAD
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The Congress government in Telangana has launched an intensive political and organisational exercise ahead of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls, with A. Revanth Reddy warning party leaders that large-scale deletion of voters could create a serious political challenge if not closely monitored. Addressing a virtual meeting of party functionaries on Monday, the Chief Minister directed the establishment of a state-level war room and a multi-tier monitoring mechanism extending from districts to parliamentary and Assembly constituencies. The meeting, chaired by B. Mahesh Kumar Goud, was attended by Meenakshi Natarajan, ministers and senior Congress leaders. Revanth Reddy stressed that the party cadre must remain vigilant throughout the SIR process, which began on June 15, to ensure that eli-



gible voters are not removed from the electoral rolls. Expressing concern over the revision exercise, the Chief Minister said that a significant number of votes had been marked for scrutiny for various reasons and that attempts could be made to delete them on the basis of suspicion. He cautioned that such deletions could have long-term political consequences, noting that the revised electoral rolls would influence the final voter list for the 2028 elections. Once a voter's name is deleted, he warned, restoring it later could become difficult. Revanth Reddy instructed party leaders to maintain

close coordination with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in every village and polling booth across all 119 Assembly constituencies. He pointed out that many voters migrate temporarily for employment and may not be present at their residences when verification is carried out. Therefore, party workers should actively assist in ensuring that the names of eligible voters are retained in the rolls. The Chief Minister also directed district in-charge ministers to conduct regular review meetings with parliamentary and Assembly constituency in-charges by June 20 and establish a robust monitoring system at the dis-

trict level. Similar monitoring mechanisms, he said, should be set up in every parliamentary and Assembly constituency to address any issues immediately. He clarified that Assembly constituency in-charges would be responsible for resolving problems within their jurisdictions, while parliamentary constituency in-charges would oversee matters across the 17 Lok Sabha constituencies in the state. Stressing that the SIR should not be taken lightly, Revanth Reddy called for strict accountability at every level. To ensure daily oversight, he ordered the creation of a war room at Gandhi Bhavan, where reports from booth-level activities would be collected, analysed and acted upon. Warning against complacency, he said any negligence during the voter revision exercise could result in massive political losses.

Devotion and Charity Mark New Moon Pujas Across New Bowenpally Temples

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Dp Srinivas rao

A profound sense of spiritual fervor and community welfare swept across New Bowenpally on Monday as local temples organized special New Moon (Amavasya) pujas alongside large-scale Annadanam (poor feeding) programs. The spiritual events were successfully organized by the respective temple committees at the prominent Sri Devi Nalla Pochamma Temple (located near Jayanagar Chowrashta, adjacent to Shiva Par-



vathi Apartments) and the Chinnathokatta Kattamma Temple. Grand Award Ceremony & Special Rituals The day kicked off with an auspicious New Moon Award Ceremony at the Sri Devi Nalla Pochamma Temple, celebrating community service and religious dedication within

the Bapuji Nagar locality. Special, elaborate rituals were performed to honor the residing deities, drawing a large crowd of local devotees seeking blessings on the powerful New Moon day. Dignitaries Lead the Philanthropic Cause The event saw active participation from prominent

social figures and local leaders. Former Vice President of the Cantonment Board, Jampana Prapat, attended as the Chief Guest for the day. He performed special pujas to the deities before officially inaugurating the Annadanam distribution program. Joining him in supporting the noble cause was Prakash Bantia, the founder of the Human Foundation, emphasizing the collaboration between spiritual institutions and humanitarian organizations to serve the community. Active Participation from Temple Committees

Erra Yakanna Unanimously Elected President of Maha Adi Jambava Temple Committee

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Thaika Anjaiah

Mr. Erra Yakanna was unanimously elected as the President of the Maha Adi Jambava Temple Committee during a general body meeting held at Jagadgirigutta Division under Quthbullapur Constituency on Sunday. The meeting was organized under the leadership of the temple committee founders, Mr. Esu Ratnam and Mr. Erra Saidulu. Along with the election of the President, the commit-



tee also unanimously elected other office-bearers. Mr. Valluri Babu and Mr. D. Ramulu were elected as Vice Presidents, Mr. Alwal Bhaskar as Working President, Mr. Chippalapalli Baburao as General Secretary, Mr. Venkatesh as Treasurer, and Mr. Uma Mahesh and Mr. Dappu Ramaswamy as Advisors. Addressing

the gathering, newly elected President Mr. Erra Yakanna expressed his gratitude to the members for reposing faith in him. He assured that he would work with dedication and commitment for the development of the Maha Adi Jambava Temple and the welfare of the devotees.

Jai Sriram Mineral Water Plant Launched in Kushaiguda



A Jai Sriram Mineral Water Plant established behind the New Vegetable Market in Kushaiguda was inaugurated by Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy and BRS State leader Singireddy Somasekhara Reddy. Speaking at the inauguration, the MLA said providing 20 litres of purified mineral water at an affordable price of ₹5 is a commendable initiative. He noted that the project aims to make quality drinking water accessible to poor and middle-class families at a low cost. He congratulated KPF Foundation Chairman Perumandla Kishan for launching the service and said the facility would operate round the clock for the benefit of residents in and around the Kushaiguda New Vegetable Market area. Singireddy Somasekhara Reddy expressed hope that more such community-oriented initiatives would be introduced to serve the public. Division President Mahesh Goud, BRS leaders, party workers, and local residents attended the programme. KPF Foundation Chairman Perumandla Kishan thanked all those who participated in the inauguration ceremony.

Young Artist Niveditha Honoured by Government Whip and Alair MLA Beerla Ilaiah

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In a heartwarming gesture of encouragement towards young talent, Telangana Government Whip and Alair MLA Beerla Ilaiah personally met and felicitated Niveditha, a talented young girl from Agapalli village of Manchal Mandal in Ranga Reddy district. Niveditha, daughter of Gandamagudem Narasimha and Premalatha, recently gained attention for her remarkable artistic creativity. On the occasion of MLA Beerla Ilaiah's birthday, she created an impressive portrait of the



legislator on the surface of water in a plate, showcasing extraordinary skill and imagination at a very young age. Recognizing her unique talent and dedication, Beerla Ilaiah invited the young artist and her family and congratulated her for the outstanding artwork. He honoured Niveditha with a tradi-

tional shawl, presented her with a special gift, and appreciated her artistic excellence. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that children with exceptional talent should be encouraged and provided every opportunity to grow. He expressed confidence that Niveditha would achieve greater success in

the future and bring pride to her family and Telangana. Beerla Ilaiah also interacted with Niveditha's family members and assured them of his support for her educational development. He stated that he would extend necessary assistance to help her pursue higher education and fulfill her aspirations. Family members expressed their gratitude to the MLA for recognizing and encouraging the young girl's talent. Villagers and well-wishers also lauded Niveditha's creativity and wished her success in her future endeavors.

Massive Rally Held in Tarnaka to Protest Elder Abuse

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Marking the 15th World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the Telangana All Senior Citizens Association organized a massive awareness rally at Tarnaka on Sunday, condemning the growing incidents of abuse, neglect, and mistreatment of senior citizens. The rally began at Tarnaka Junction and saw the participation of a large number of senior citizens dressed in white attire. Holding placards and raising awareness slogans, the participants demanded respect, dignity, protection, and welfare for the elderly. The placards carried thought-provoking messages including "Service to Parents Leads to Salvation," "Condemn Elder Abuse," "Caring for Parents is the Responsibility of Children," "Elder Abuse is a Disgrace to Society," and "Strict Ac-



tion Against Those Who Neglect Their Parents." Speaking on the occasion, association leaders highlighted the provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, which makes it a legal obligation for children to provide care and financial support to their parents. They emphasized that neglecting or harassing elderly parents is a punishable offense under the law.

Transport Department extends deadline to reserve fancy vehicle registration numbers

The Transport Department has extended the time available for owners of newly purchased vehicles to reserve fancy or special registration numbers. The department has announced that vehicle owners can now choose and reserve their preferred registration numbers within two months from the date of issuance of the Temporary Registration (TR). Under the existing 'Vahan' system, a Temporary Registration issued for a new vehicle remains valid for 30 days. However, to provide greater convenience to vehicle owners, the Transport Department has decided to allow a two-month window from the TR issuance date for reserving fancy or special registration numbers. Transport Department officials have advised vehicle owners who opted for a fancy number at the time of purchase but have not yet reserved one to do so at the earliest. The department further warned that if a fancy or special number is not reserved within the two-month period, the 'Vahan' software will automatically assign a routine.

Stop blaming BRS to hide your inefficiency: KTR hits back at Revanth Reddy over Metro Phase-II delay

BRS working president KT Rama Rao criticised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy over the delay in Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II, alleging the Congress government failed to secure Central approval despite repeated visits to Delhi and accusing it of mishandling Metro expansion plans

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao hit back at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over the delay in taking up Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II. Accusing the Chief Minister of attempting to shift blame onto the BRS, he said the Congress government had failed to convince the Centre despite Revanth Reddy making 71 visits to New Delhi. In a strong counter, Rama Rao said the Congress government's failure to secure the Central government's approval for Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II indicated its incompetent governance and a complete inability to protect Telangana's interests. He questioned why Metro projects were sanctioned for cities in Uttar Pradesh, Ahmedabad and Visakhapatnam, while Hyderabad's Phase-II proposal remained



pending. "The failure to secure Metro Phase-II approval is proof of Revanth Reddy's incompetent governance. Unable to question the Prime Minister, he is resorting to blaming the opposition," he said, adding that the Chief Minister was incapable of pressing the BJP-led Centre due to the pending "cash-for-vote" case. The BRS working president demanded that Revanth Reddy apologise to the people of Hyderabad for a complete failure to secure the Metro expansion project and for jeopardising the future of the existing Metro network. "When you yourself have

said they look at you in Delhi like someone who steals slippers, your true standing has been exposed," he said, stating that the Chief Minister lacked either the will or the standing to demand answers from the Centre. He pointed out that blaming the BRS for blocking Central funds amounted to conceding that K Chandrashekar Rao was more powerful than Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Contrasting the two governments, Rama Rao recalled that the Congress had left Metro construction stalled at 28 per cent before 2014. He stated that after assuming office in 2014, the then Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao secured loans, overcame Central indifference, and completed the project, delivering a system that now carries five lakh passengers daily. The former Municipal Administration Minister also criticised the Con-

gress government's Metro expansion plans, alleging that the proposed Phase-II alignment was designed around a non-existent imaginary city rather than Hyderabad's actual traffic and commuting needs. In contrast, he said the BRS government prepared a comprehensive Phase-II plan covering 76.4 km across six corridors and 72 stations based on traffic density and future urban growth, covering the city's busiest routes. He accused the Congress government of shelving this plan and also the Shamshabad Airport Metro project for past two-and-a-half years, as part of political sabotage. On L&T's exit from the Metro project, Rama Rao said the Congress government threatened the company's CFO and systematically intimidated its leadership, creating uncertainty around Hyderabad Metro Rail.

BRS approaches Hyderabad district collector to protect Rs 800-crore Trimulgherry land

HYDERABAD
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BRS spokesperson Manne Krishank on Monday met Hyderabad District Collector Priyanka Ala and sought immediate intervention to protect an eight-acre land parcel in Thokatta, Trimulgherry. He stated that the property which is valued at an estimated Rs 800 crore, was under private control despite being claimed as government land. In a representation submitted to the Collector, Krishank stated that the land in Survey No. 157/1 has historically been treated as government (Poramboke Sarkari) land, with revenue records, land encroachment proceedings and legal disputes over several decades reflecting government inter-



est in the property. He pointed out that the same land was proposed in 2025 for construction of 6,000 Indiramma Houses by Congress leaders, including Secunderabad Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh, indicating that it was considered government land meant for public welfare. The BRS leader demanded an inquiry into the title, classification, possession and legal status of the land. He also sought examination of historical revenue, survey

and legal records, along with a joint verification by revenue, survey and legal authorities. He also called for legal action to safeguard government interests, investigation into any alleged irregularities or misuse of authority, public disclosure of all relevant records, and clarification on the status of the proposed 6,000 Indiramma Houses project. The District Collector assured the delegation that the matter would be examined and appropriate action taken.

Faulty Coach Indicators Cause Inconvenience to Passengers at Secunderabad Railway Station



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Passengers travelling through * have urged railway authorities to immediately repair the coach position indicator system on Platform No. 8, where the display lights indicating the locations of B2 and B3 coaches are reportedly not functioning. Due to the malfunctioning indicators, passengers are facing difficulties in identifying the exact position of their reserved coaches

before the arrival of trains. Many travelers, particularly senior citizens, women, children, and differently-abled passengers, are finding it difficult to locate their coaches, resulting in confusion and inconvenience on the platform. Passengers have appealed to the officials of ** and the station administration to rectify the problem on a priority basis and ensure that all coach guidance systems are functioning properly for the convenience of commuters. In

addition, commuters have raised concerns over stray dogs wandering inside the railway station premises and on platforms. Passengers fear that the presence of stray animals could pose safety risks, especially during peak hours when platforms are crowded. While highlighting these issues, passengers also appreciated the ongoing redevelopment and modernization works at Secunderabad Railway Station. They noted that the station is emerging as a model railway station with improved infrastructure and passenger amenities, reflecting the Government's commitment to strengthening the railway network. Passengers have praised the efforts of Prime Minister and the Railway Ministry for transforming railway stations across the country. However, they stressed that operational issues such as faulty coach indicators and stray animal management should be addressed immediately to provide a safe, comfortable, and hassle-free travel experience for all passengers.

Cyberabad CP Reviews Monsoon Preparedness

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh on Monday reviewed monsoon preparedness during a Zoom meeting with Traffic and Law & Order officials, focusing on waterlogging, traffic management, and emergency response. The CP directed officials to take preventive measures at waterlogging points, coordinate with concerned departments, and remain alert based on weather



forecasts. He also instructed officers to work closely with NDRF and CMC teams to ensure smooth water drainage and prevent flooding. Dr. Ramesh emphasized deploying additional personnel during heavy rains, reducing traffic disruptions, and assigning clear responsibilities at vulnerable locations. He also re-

viewed the status of ongoing road works and stressed inter-departmental coordination to minimize inconvenience to the public. The meeting was attended by Serilingampally Traffic AD CP Hanumanth Rao, Traffic ACP Chandrasekhara Reddy, and other Traffic and Law & Order officials.

PAC Chairman Gandhi Inspects ₹90 Lakh BT Road Works in Chandanagar

HYDERABAD
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Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman and Serilingampally MLA Arekapudi Gandhi inspected the proposed BT road construction works from NH-65 (PJR Road) to Aparna in Chandanagar Division along with senior leader Raghunath Reddy. The road project, being taken up at an estimated cost of ₹90 lakh, aims to improve road connectivity and ease traffic congestion for commuters and local residents. Gandhi said the works have been initiated to strengthen infrastructure and provide better transportation facilities in the constituency. He directed officials to complete the project without delay and



maintain quality standards during execution. The MLA stated that under the guidance of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and with the support of Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, the government is committed to developing Serilingampally in all sectors. Gandhi reiterated that improving civic infrastructure and ensuring better roads and traffic-free travel remain top priorities for the constituency's development.

Hyderabad Chai Opens Third Outlet at Mehdiapatnam



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The new Mehdiapatnam branch of Hyderabad Chai Company (HCC) was inaugurated in a grand ceremony attended by prominent political leaders, celebrities and local residents, marking another milestone in the café's rapid expansion across the city. Known for its trendy ambience, unique tea varieties, snacks and signature vegetarian meals, HCC has quickly built a loyal customer base since its establishment in 2025. The inauguration was graced by Chief Guests Jafar Hussain, MLA of Yakutpura, Majid Hussain, MLA of Nampally, and former Home Minister Mahmood Ali. The event also witnessed the presence of popular Hyderabad actor, writer and influencer Faheem ul Haq, who praised the café's distinctive con-

cept, innovative recipes and diverse menu, describing it as a refreshing addition to Hyderabad's food culture. The official opening ceremony was led by the founders of Hyderabad Chai Company—Mumtaz Hussain, Majaz Hussain and Malik Hussain—who expressed their gratitude to the dignitaries, well-wishers and customers for making the occasion a grand success. They said the overwhelming response has encouraged the brand to expand further while maintaining its focus on quality and unique offerings. The founders also invited food lovers across the city to visit the new Mehdiapatnam outlet and experience the café's signature tea, snacks and specially curated vegetarian dishes that have made Hyderabad Chai Company a preferred destination for many.

TG-RERA Fines Myron Homes For Flouting RERA Rules

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The Telangana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TG-RERA) has imposed a penalty of Rs 1.14 crore on Myron Homes for advertising and marketing a commercial project without mandatory registration under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016. In an order issued on June 9, the authority found that the company had promoted a proposed commercial project, Myron Mall, at Bachupally in Medchal-Malkajgiri district without obtaining prior registration, which is required before any sale or marketing activity. TG-RERA held that even proposed projects cannot be advertised without registration and directed the



company to pay Rs 1,14,00,932 within 30 days. It also barred the firm from advertising, selling or marketing any project without prior approval. The authority initiated suo motu proceedings based on information from multiple sources. On verification, it found that no project named "Myron Mall" had been registered and that no application had been submitted seeking registration. RERA examined a promotional brochure in the public domain containing floor plans, commercial layouts,

specifications, amenities and indicative pricing, and concluded that the material was intended to attract buyers and investors. Myron Homes denied the allegations, stating it had neither launched nor proposed a project under the name "Myron Mall". The company said it was only exploring development possibilities and awaiting approvals, and denied creating or circulating the promotional material. The authority held that the company failed to provide evidence to show that the brochures were created or circulated without its knowledge. It noted that no police complaint, public disclaimer or legal action had been initiated by the company over the alleged unauthorised use of its name.

BRS Condemns Alleged Attacks on Party Leaders, Terms It Political Vendetta

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GHMC Division BRS President Puppala Bhaskar strongly condemned the alleged attacks on BRS leaders in Quthbullapur constituency, claiming that Congress and BJP leaders were jointly targeting opposition leaders through political vendetta. Addressing the media, Bhaskar alleged that certain political forces were misusing the administrative machinery to harass BRS leaders and workers. He described the developments as unfortunate and contrary to



democratic principles. Referring to a land dispute involving BRS leader Feroz of Nehru Nagar, Bhaskar claimed that the land in Survey No. 219 had been in the possession of the family for nearly three decades. He alleged that attempts were being made to portray the prop-

erty as government land by citing incorrect survey details and ignoring factual records. He further alleged that some political officials were misleading BRS leaders and creating unnecessary pressure on BRS leaders. Bhaskar criticized what he described as "blackmail poli-

El Nino conditions currently present over equatorial Pacific Ocean: IMD

El Nino conditions are currently present over the equatorial Pacific Ocean and are expected to strengthen further during the southwest monsoon season, the IMD said on Friday. The atmosphere has responded to the warming sea surface temperatures, and the coupled ocean-atmosphere system now exhibits characteristics consistent with El Nino conditions, it said. "Forecasts from the Monsoon Mission Coupled Forecast System (MMCFS) indicate a further strengthening of El Nino conditions during the southwest monsoon season," the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The last time El Nino conditions developed was in 2023. Since 2000, these conditions have emerged in 2002,

Trump: Iran Agrees to Never Have Nuclear Weapons

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US President Donald Trump on Monday (local time) said that Iran has agreed to "never have a nuclear weapon," while dismissing reports that Washington would provide USD 300 million to Tehran under a newly announced peace agreement as "fake news." In a post on Truth Social, Trump reiterated his administration's position that the agreement with Iran would ensure Tehran does not develop nuclear weapons. "Iran has agreed to never have a Nuclear Weapon! Also, the story that the US is paying Iran 300 million Dollars is Fake News, put out by the Democrats!!!" Trump wrote. His remarks come amid ongoing discussions surrounding a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between the United



States and Iran, establishing a framework for future engagement and linking sanctions relief to Tehran's compliance with nuclear verification measures and regional security commitments. Backing the President's stance, US Vice President JD Vance said Trump's diplomatic efforts had once again delivered results and reaffirmed that preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon remained a central objective of the agreement. In a video message shared on X, Vance said, "The President has been clear from day one: Iran will never have a nuclear weapon. Once again,

President Trump's efforts to establish peace have paid off for the American people."

Earlier, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also declared that Iran would never be allowed to acquire nuclear weapons, regardless of any agreement. "For decades, I have been fighting Iran's efforts to acquire nuclear weapons. I can define this as my life's mission," Netanyahu said. "With or without a deal, Iran will not have nuclear weapons. Not today, and not tomorrow. As long as I am Prime Minister of Israel, this will not happen," he added. According to senior US administration officials, the memorandum signed by Trump and Vance creates a structure for future negotiations and bilateral relations between Washington and Tehran. Officials said the agreement operates on

a performance-based model, under which Iran's cooperation on nuclear inspections, verification measures and commitments against supporting regional extremism would determine the extent of sanctions relief and economic engagement. "The more that the Iranians are willing to work with us on their nuclear program, on verifying that they're not building a nuclear weapon, and on not funding radicalism and terrorism in the region, the more they will be welcomed into the world economy through sanctions relief and other economic measures," administration officials said. Vice President Vance had earlier stated that sanctions relief would follow only if Iran took verifiable steps to eliminate enriched uranium stockpiles and accepted a robust inspection regime.

Unmapped Voters to Put 2002 SIR Details in Enumeration Form

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Towards averting the possibility of receiving notices from Election Commission under the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral roll, voters who could not be mapped have a chance of getting mapped by filling in the details of 2002 SIR in the 'Enumeration Form'. Information related to 2002 SIR will be available with booth-level officers who will visit houses during the enumeration phase beginning June 25.

Chief Electoral Officer K. Sudharshan Reddy said that the printed hard copies of electoral roll of SIR 2002 will be available with the BLOs, and they would assist voters to find their names. "The details can be retrieved by the voters from the offi-



cial website <https://ceotelangana.nic.in> or <https://voters.eci.gov.in> by using the "search by Electors details" option available in the search facility of the portal," the CEO said. Partwise electoral roll data in PDF is also hosted in the site and electors who know their polling station can search their names in the PDF, the CEO said. "If the name of an elector is not found in the Electoral Roll of SIR 2002, it means that he or she may have not enrolled during that time. In that case, the person can try to retrieve the elector details of his/her parents/grandparents

and their details can be filled in the Enumeration Form in the respective column. "The elector can take the help of BLO and they will assist in identifying the appropriate details," CEO Sudharshan Reddy said. He said no document was required to be provided during the enumeration phase. After publication of the draft electoral roll, support documents must be provided if the electoral registration officer (ERO) or assistant electoral registration officer (AERO) doubts the eligibility of the proposed voter.

US, Pakistan Claim Iran Peace Deal Framework, Signing Expected Soon

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The United States and Pakistan on Saturday announced that an initial framework to end the Middle East conflict involving Iran had been reached, with U.S. President Donald Trump claiming the agreement would be signed on Sunday. However, Iran indicated that a formal signing was not expected so soon, highlighting continuing uncertainty

over the peace process. Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said both sides had agreed on a framework for a peace deal and that Islamabad was preparing for an electronic signing ceremony, followed by technical-level negotiations next week. Trump also stated on social media that the agreement would result in the immediate reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial global oil shipping

route that Iran has effectively blocked during the conflict. Iran, however, urged caution over the timeline. Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei said a memorandum of understanding was unlikely to be signed on Sunday, although such a development could occur in the coming days. He added that hesitation from the other side required careful handling of public statements re-

garding the process. The conflict, which began on February 28 following joint U.S.-Israeli strikes on Iran, has disrupted global energy markets and claimed thousands of lives, particularly in Iran and Lebanon. Despite previous moments of optimism, this is one of the strongest indications yet that negotiations could lead to a ceasefire. According to sources familiar with the draft agreement,



the proposed memorandum calls for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz while the United States would gradually lift its naval blockade and begin releasing billions of dollars in frozen Iranian assets. Washington is also expected to waive

certain sanctions on Iranian oil exports as part of the arrangement. Negotiations over Iran's nuclear programme would follow during a 60-day period. A U.S. official said the ultimate objective is the dismantling of Iran's nuclear programme and the removal of its highly enriched uranium stockpile. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi, however, maintained that Tehran seeks to retain its ura-

nium in diluted form rather than eliminate the programme entirely. The agreement could also include discussions on war reparations for Iran, although U.S. officials disputed reports that Washington would abandon its longstanding demands regarding Iran's missile programme. Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that Israel would not be a party to the proposed agreement

and intends to retain the freedom to act against security threats. Iran has suggested that any deal should also lead to an end to the conflict in Lebanon and an Israeli withdrawal from occupied areas, a position rejected by Israeli officials. Despite significant differences remaining, officials from all sides described the current framework as the closest the parties have come to a potential

SPDCL Launches Monsoon Safety Drive

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The southern discom on Sunday announced a comprehensive monsoon preparedness programme combining a new "Walk Along the Line" initiative with a large-scale "Poles & Lines Special Drive" to strengthen the distribution network and minimise outages during the rainy season. Jitesh V. Patil, chairman and managing director of Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Lim-

ited (TGSPDCL), at a teleconference with senior officials, stressed the need for improved reliability and directed that every employee, from artisan level upwards, participate in field inspections between the 10th and 20th of each month from 9 am to 10 am. Under the "Walk Along the Line" programme, staff must physically inspect lines in their jurisdictions, identify defects and initiate corrective action while observing safety protocols and en-



gaging with consumers. Running in parallel, the "Poles & Lines Special Drive" will inspect 33 kV substations, 33 kV and 11 kV feeders, distribution transformers and LT networks across the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) area. Activities include rectification of damaged or bent poles, repair or replace-

ment of loose or sagging conductors, replacement of damaged insulators, inspection of transformers and associated structures, and logging all works with GIS coordinates and before-and-after photographs. A focused feeder maintenance and tree-trimming programme will run for two weeks, prioritising feeders with historically high interruption rates and coordinated with civic authorities for branch removal and disposal. To boost safety and field efficiency,

Congress Questions PM's Silence Over Death of Sailors

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Congress on Sunday escalated its attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the deaths of three Indian seafarers in US military strikes on commercial vessels off the Oman coast, alleging silence and failure to defend national interests. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi accused the Prime Minister of not responding after the United States warned that violations of its naval blockade in the Strait of Hormuz and transport of



Iranian oil would not be tolerated. In a post on X, Gandhi said, "A compromised Prime Minister remains silent, listens like an obedient servant and follows orders," alleging that the government had failed to protect Indian citizens and national dignity. He also said the US had continued issuing directives instead

of expressing regret over the deaths, and cited statements that commercial vessels must comply with American military orders, adding that a sovereign nation would not accept such language. Gandhi raised the case of Indian sailor Nishanth Uirthanathan, who died due to medical complications aboard MT Celestial docked at Duqm Port in Oman, and urged the government to expedite repatriation of his mortal remains. The Indian Embassy in Muscat confirmed the death and said efforts were under way to

bring the body back to India. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge questioned the Prime Minister's silence three days after the incident. "Indian lives cannot be treated as an afterthought in matters of foreign policy," he said, adding that "silence is not a substitute for accountability." Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra described the government's response as "shameful" and said India must firmly convey to the US that it is a sovereign nation capable of defending its interests.

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World Welcomes....

French President Emmanuel Macron said that a UK-French mission was ready to help with Hormuz navigation, while UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer said the UK was also ready "to offer support on mine clearance" and that "Iran must never have a nuclear weapon". UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres welcomed the peace deal as a "critical step towards the peaceful settlement of the conflict". Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed the peace deal. In a post made on X, he said "I welcome the understanding reached between the United States and Iran on ending the conflict in West

Asia, which has caused serious economic disruption across the world and led to loss of life in many countries." He added that "India hopes that the implementation of this understanding will help restore peace and stability in the region and ensure the freedom of navigation and commerce. We look forward to deliberations on the remaining issues reaching a sustainable final agreement." Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, whose country mediated the talks, told lawmakers: "Today, the world has seen a historic step towards peace. After the darkness of war, the sun of peace has risen." Egypt's foreign ministry said in the country "hopes that this agreement

will constitute a major turning point toward strengthening mutual trust, laying new foundations for cooperation, creating a supportive environment for peace and advancing diplomatic efforts aimed at addressing remaining regional issues". **CJP Founder.....** Abhijeet Dipke was in Jaipur as part of the movement's nationwide protest campaign, calling for the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over his alleged incompetence in the role, among other issues including unemployment and corruption. The firebrand movement, with immense following among Indian youth, had begun their

protest campaign in Delhi, followed by peaceful protest demonstrations and public addresses in Bengaluru, Amritsar, Pune, Lucknow and Hyderabad. The CJP rally in Bengaluru was joined by Cine Actor and Activist Prakash Raj and their Sunday Rally in Dharna Chowk of Hyderabad was headed by educationist and activist Sonam Wangchuck. **India Tests Long.....** Senior officials of DRDO, along with representatives from the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force, witnessed the successful launch. Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO scientists and industry partners for the

successful flight-test, describing it as another major achievement in strengthening the country's self-reliance in defence technology. Defence secretary and secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development, Rajesh Kumar Singh, who also serves as the chairman of DRDO, monitored the launch activities and lauded the efforts of the scientists, engineers and all personnel associated with the mission. The successful test is expected to further enhance India's long-range precision strike capabilities and reinforce the country's growing indigenous defence manufacturing ecosystem under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

Israeli Defense Minister lashes out at Trump's deal.



CRIME

Medicos Question Valuation Process of Postgrad Exam Papers

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A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court comprising Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya and Justice Gadi Praveen Kumar sought the stand of the National Medical Commission in an appeal concerning the valuation of postgraduate medical examination answer scripts. The panel was hearing a writ appeal filed by Durgam Venkatesh Kumar and four other postgraduate students of Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences. The appellants challenged the dismissal of their writ petition questioning the valuation process adopted for the October 2025 PG MD/MS



examinations. Their grievance was that their answer scripts were evaluated by two valuers instead of four examiners, thereby reducing the possibility of securing a higher average score through assessment by a larger number of examiners. The appellants contended that Regulation 8.2(b) of the Post-Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2023 provided that "the minimum number of examiners for

provides that "all the teachers of the other colleges of the concerned university or universities, who are eligible to be postgraduate examiners can perform the valuation of the answer scripts", must be read harmoniously with Regulation 8.2(b). The panel expressed reservations regarding the bona fides of the appeal, observing that some of the appellants themselves appeared for the supplementary examinations and passed despite being subjected to the same valuation process which they were now challenging. The court posted the matter for further hearing directing after the National Medical Commission to get instructions in the matter.

Mega Drug Bust: 5 Arrested with 201 kg Ganja Worth ₹1 Crore in Kothagudem

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Five people, including a woman, were arrested at Pallipadu in Konijerla mandal of Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Sunday for allegedly transporting 201 kg of ganja worth about ₹1 crore, police said. The accused were identified as Amul Nanoba Gore, 35, and Lakshman Naganath Kare, 26, of Maharashtra, and Vasantha Jadhav, 40, Shaik Ansar,



30, and Shaik Rahmat, 32, of Kamareddy district. According to police, the arrests were made during vehicle checks on the Wyra-Khammam road. Police intercepted a car and a Bolero mini truck heading towards Kham-

mam from Wyra and allegedly found 201 kg of ganja being transported in the vehicles. Police said the consignment was being moved illegally and seized the contraband along with the vehicles. The alleged supplier and intended receiver of the ganja escaped and are being traced. Konijerla police registered a case and launched efforts to apprehend the absconding accused.

'Work From Bike' Video in Madhapur Goes Viral, Raises Safety Concerns

A video of a man riding a motorcycle with an open laptop placed on the fuel tank has gone viral on social media, sparking concerns over road safety and work-life balance. The incident was reportedly recorded near Hitex Kaman in Hyderabad's Madhapur IT corridor. The footage shows the rider navigating traffic while the laptop screen remains open, prompting social media users to dub the incident "Work From Bike." Many netizens expressed concern, saying such behavior endangers not only the rider but also other road users.

Boy drowns in Kushaiguda pool

An 11-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool at a sports complex in Kushaiguda on Monday evening. The deceased, a Class VI student at ECIL, and resident of BN Reddy Nagar, Cherlapally, had gone to the pool at Sportivo Sports Arena when the incident occurred. According to initial information, he drowned under circumstances yet to be ascertained. Staff and others rushed him out of the water and shifted him to a nearby private hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Two Killed, One Injured in Gachibowli Road Accident

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Two persons lost their lives and another sustained injuries after a motorcycle allegedly rammed into a bicycle near Hanuman Temple at Nanakramguda, Gachibowli, on Sunday morning. According to police, Samim Khan (52), an electrician from Gopanpally Thanda, was riding

a bicycle near Rotary Circle around 8 a.m. when a motorcycle allegedly hit him from behind. He suffered severe head injuries and was shifted to a private hospital, where he succumbed during treatment. The motorcycle rider, Arun (22), a resident of Nanakramguda, reportedly lost control of the vehicle after the collision and crashed into a roadside wall. The pil-

lioni rider, Indrasena Reddy (25), a native of Kamareddy, died on the spot, while Arun sustained injuries. Based on a complaint lodged by the victim's nephew, Gachibowli Police registered a case of rash and negligent driving. The bodies were shifted to the mortuary for postmortem, and further investigation is underway, said K. Balraj.

Cyberabad Police Arrest Man for ₹5 Lakh Fraud on Senior Citizen



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Cyberabad Cyber Crime Police arrested a 37-year-old man for allegedly cheating a senior citizen from Madhapur of ₹5 lakh through unauthorized banking transactions. The accused, Narendar, a native of Vijayawada residing in Kukatpally, reportedly gained the trust of the victim's family and installed banking-related applications on her mobile phone. He then allegedly accessed her bank account and transferred funds without

her knowledge, using the money for online gaming activities. The victim, V. Bharathi (66) of Ayyappa Society, Madhapur, discovered the fraudulent transactions in May 2026 and lodged a complaint with Cyber Crime Police. Based on technical analysis and mobile tracking, police traced and arrested the accused. During the investigation, ₹5 lakh cash was recovered and seized. Cyberabad Police advised citizens, especially senior citizens, not to share banking details, OTPs, or allow others to install financial applications on their mobile phones.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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The Centre's latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn't. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it's less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government's operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done.

The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That's not just a posting — it's a signal. It tells you who's in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn't an iso-

lated reshuffle; it's part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029.

There's a logic to it. Governments don't run on announcements; they run on execution. And execution, in India, is only as good as the babu handling the file. Put the right people in the right slots, and things move. Get it wrong, and even flagship schemes start gathering dust. But let's not pretend this is purely technocratic. Babu reshuffles have always doubled as political messaging. There's also the issue of churn. Move people around too often, and institutional memory takes a hit. Projects that need steady hands

don't always benefit from musical chairs. Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply?

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deep imprint, but if the early signals around Samrat Choudhary hold, this isn't just about moving babus around. The idea is to build a compact core team, bring in technocrats who understand industry, and push Bihar toward manufacturing-led growth, which it has long promised but rarely delivered. The logic is sound. States like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu didn't attract investment by accident. They got the basics right — land, power, roads — and ensured the bureaucracy didn't become a bottleneck. Bihar, for all its ambition, has struggled precisely here. The sectoral focus on food processing, textiles and automobiles is sensible. These are scalable, job-heavy industries. But sectors don't grow because policy says so. They grow when businesses can actually set up shop without getting lost in paperwork.



Creative Economy Conclave 2026 Highlights Orange Economy as India's Next Growth Engine

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The inaugural Creative Economy Conclave 2026 concluded successfully at HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad, with industry leaders, policymakers, creators, and entrepreneurs emphasizing that the Orange Economy—driven by creativity, culture, entertainment, technology, and intellectual property—has the potential to become one of India's strongest engines of economic growth. Organized under the World Events Economy Week (WEEW), the conclave served as a platform to discuss opportunities in the rapidly expanding creative economy and the need for stronger collaboration between government and industry to position India as a global



(Clockwise from Top Left) Inauguration of Creative Economy Conclave 2026, Hyderabad. From Left: Minister for Culture, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad; Chief Minister, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Industries, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Tourism, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Information & Public Relations, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Sports, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Labour & Employment, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Housing & Urban Planning, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Water Resources, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Forests & Environment, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Panchayats, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Social Justice, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Welfare, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Labour & Employment, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Housing & Urban Planning, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Water Resources, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Forests & Environment, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Panchayats, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Social Justice, Government of Telangana; Hon. Minister for Welfare, Government of Telangana.

hub for events, tourism, and cultural experiences. Representing the Telangana government, Sriram Karri, Director (Media and Communications), called for building Hyderabad into a globally recognized events destination. He stressed that great cities are defined by their monuments and signature events and challenged the

industry to create world-class experiences comparable to international sporting and cultural spectacles. Karri said Hyderabad must become climate-resilient, preserve its natural assets, and continue investing in infrastructure such as convention centres, theatres, and sports stadiums. He noted that improving urban health and creating

iconic experiences would strengthen the city's global brand and generate new economic opportunities. Industry leaders including Dr. Annurag Batra, Sabbas Joseph, Shaju Ignatius, and Harinder Singh (Harry) highlighted that creativity is no longer confined to art but has become a major contributor to employment, tourism, innovation, and economic development. They stressed that live events, festivals, and immersive experiences are increasingly vital for destination branding and consumer engagement. During a special session, Smita V and Gitikka Ganju Dhar discussed how creators and cultural influencers are transforming audience engagement and driving social and economic change through digital platforms and live

experiences. A key takeaway from the conclave was the growing convergence of tourism, entertainment, technology, culture, and the creator economy, creating significant opportunities for investment, job creation, and global visibility. Participants called for stronger partnerships among governments, industry, academia, investors, and cultural institutions to accelerate the growth of the creative economy. The conclave concluded with a shared vision of positioning Hyderabad and Telangana as leading hubs for innovation, culture, tourism, and live experiences, while organizers announced that the Creative Economy Conclave will be held annually under the WEEW platform.

CM Revanth to Inaugurate IID Showcase Insider X 2026

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will inaugurate the 6th edition of IID Showcase Insider X 2026, the flagship biennial exhibition of the Indian Institute of Interior Designers—Hyderabad Regional Chapter (IID-HRC), from June 19 to 21 at HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad. He will also unveil the Exhibitor Directory, while IID President Ar. Jignesh Modi will attend as Guest of Honour. Spread across 80,000 sq. ft., the event will feature over 150 exhibitors, 300 leading brands, and is expected to attract more than 6,000 business visitors, including architects, interior designers, builders, consultants, trade



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professionals and students from across India and abroad. The exhibition will showcase the latest products, materials, technologies and sustainable solutions for residential and commercial interiors. Key attractions include Design Street, international keynote sessions, knowledge forums, and Sthapatya Utsav, a student-focused platform featuring workshops and competitions. Addressing the media, IID-HRC leaders emphasized the growing role of design and artificial intelligence in transforming the architecture and interiors industry.

They highlighted how AI is improving efficiency, enabling faster design iterations and advancing home automation technologies. The organization also appealed to the Telangana government to establish a Design Excellence Centre, expand architectural education by increasing professional colleges, and appoint architects in government departments where design plays a crucial role. According to IID-HRC, such measures would strengthen design quality, reduce costly errors and create greater opportunities for young professionals.

ATGC Biotech Showcases India's Agri-Tech Innovation at Bharat Innovates 2026

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Hyderabad-based ATGC Biotech Pvt. Ltd. showcased India's agricultural biotechnology capabilities at Bharat Innovates 2026 in Nice, France, where it was selected among 120 high-potential deep-tech startups representing the country on the global stage. The event was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Em-

manuel Macron, highlighting the growing innovation partnership between India and France. During the event, ATGC Biotech strengthened its international expansion by exchanging strategic agreements aimed at accelerating the commercialization of its sustainable crop protection technologies. The company exchanged a licensing agreement with a Swiss partner covering six products and advanced its global

footprint through its Semiophore Joint Venture with Luxembourg Industries Ltd. (LIL), supporting a portfolio of 18 products for international agricultural markets. The agreements were exchanged in the presence of Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, and Dr. Manish Diwan, Head-RFID at BIRAC. Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal also interacted



with the company's international partners, reflecting the government's support for Indian science-led innovation and global technology collaborations. Bharat Innovates 2026 brought together innovators, investors, policymakers and industry leaders from sectors including biotechnology, artificial intelligence, healthcare, semiconductors, space

technology, sustainability and agri-food technology. ATGC Biotech was among a select group of Agri-Food-Tech companies chosen to showcase India's growing strength in agricultural innovation. Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Markandeya Gorantla said the selection for Bharat Innovates 2026 validates India's leadership in deep-tech innovation and demonstrates the global relevance of Indian

agricultural technologies. He noted that sustainable crop protection solutions will play a vital role in ensuring future food security and promoting environmentally responsible farming practices. David Luxembourg, Executive Chairman of Luxembourg Industries Ltd., said the partnership combines Indian innovation with global market expertise to accelerate the adoption of sustainable crop protection technologies

worldwide. Dr. Manish Diwan added that ATGC Biotech's journey from indigenous research to global commercialization reflects the strength of India's deep-tech ecosystem. ATGC Biotech has developed pest management technologies based on pheromones and semiochemicals, which influence insect behaviour and disrupt mating cycles instead of killing pests.

Andhra Pradesh Engineer Secures 300% Salary Hike After Transitioning to Tech

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Andhra Pradesh-based Bendu Manohar Naidu has transformed his career by securing a role as a Software Development Engineer 1 (SDE 1) at Swiggy, achieving a salary increase of more than 300% within just seven months of joining the company. An Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) graduate, Manohar faced significant challenges after completing his degree, spending nearly a year searching for opportunities in the core electronics sector without success. Missing out on campus placements left him uncertain about his future while many of his peers moved ahead with jobs and higher studies. Determined to change his career trajectory, he decided to transition into the technology industry despite having no formal computer science background. To acquire the necessary skills, he enrolled in Scaler's Software Engineering programme and dedicated himself to con-

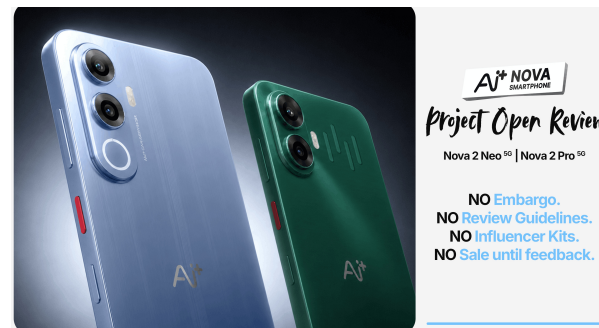


sistent learning and practice. The journey was demanding, with coding concepts initially unfamiliar and competition intense. However, Manohar developed the habit of solving at least one coding problem every day, gradually strengthening his technical abilities. Backed by unwavering support from his family, his persistence paid off when he secured his first technology role at Swiggy. His success story demonstrates how continuous upskilling, discipline, and resilience can help overcome setbacks and create new career opportunities...

Ai+ Opens Nova2 Phones for Public Review Before Sale

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Ai+ Smartphone has announced an unusual launch strategy for its upcoming Nova2 Neo and Nova2 Pro smartphones by allowing independent reviewers, creators, journalists, and technology experts across India to test the devices before they are made available for sale. The company says there will be no embargo, scripted messaging, or marketing restrictions, making it one of the first such initiatives in the Indian smartphone industry. According to the company, the smartphones will not be sold until reviewers have had seven days to evaluate and publish their opinions. Ai+ stated that the move is aimed at giving consumers access to unbiased reviews



before making a purchase decision rather than relying on traditional launch campaigns. CEO of Ai+ Smartphone and Founder of NxtQuantum Shift Technologies, Madhav Sheth, said the brand wants honest feedback instead of controlled narratives. He noted that the company is prioritizing consumer interest over launch-day marketing and is inviting independent criticism to improve the products. The reviewers will be encouraged to test every aspect of the Nova2 Neo and Nova2 Pro, including hardware

performance, software experience, camera quality, battery life, data transfer capabilities, reliability, and overall usability. They will be free to publish their reviews immediately after receiving the devices, without waiting for an official launch date or following company-issued guidelines. Sheth added that Ai+ is still a young brand working to earn consumer trust and believes it is better to identify shortcomings through expert reviews before customers spend their money. The company has therefore decided to complete the feed-

back window before opening sales. Ai+ also said that it welcomes positive as well as critical reviews and will display the feedback in real time on its official website, allowing potential buyers to access independent opinions before purchasing. The initiative reflects the company's commitment to accountability, transparency, and continuous improvement. The Nova2 Neo and Nova2 Pro are the latest additions to the Nova Series portfolio and are positioned below the Nova2 Ultra. Through these new models, Ai+ aims to expand the Nova lineup to a wider audience while continuing its mission of making technology more accessible, transparent, and trustworthy for Indian consumers.

LPL Gets \$20 Million Boost Ahead of Season 6

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The Lanka Premier League (LPL) is set for a major expansion after its promoter, Innovative Production Group (IPG), secured multi-million-dollar strategic funding through an all-stock merger with Flash Sports & Media Inc., bringing its portfolio onto the NASDAQ-listed UGRO platform. The announcement comes ahead of LPL Season 6, which begins on July 10. Backed by the new institutional structure, IPG plans to invest USD 20 million over the next two years to strengthen the league's commercial value, fan engagement, and global reach. The investment will support improved monetization, digital innovation, enhanced governance, and long-term growth. While the LPL's intellectual property remains with Sri Lanka Cricket, IPG will continue to hold the league's exclusive commercial and media rights. The company said the new structure provides greater transparency, stronger capital access, and better governance standards, enabling sus-

tainable franchise growth. IPG Founder and Chairman Anil Mohan said the LPL would be the biggest beneficiary of the development, adding that the league is now positioned to scale responsibly while maintaining commercial discipline. The expansion strategy extends beyond Sri Lanka. IPG also holds long-term exclusive agreements to develop Malaysia and Zimbabwe T20 leagues and plans to integrate them into a multi-market cricket enterprise across emerging regions. Flash Sports & Media CEO Bradley Natrass said the partnership would strengthen sponsorship opportunities, broadcast partnerships, and fan engagement through centralized commercial operations. CFO Eric Sherb added that the public-market structure would enable disciplined investment in league infrastructure while building recurring revenue streams. The group also plans to upgrade broadcast production to 4K standards and enhance long-term commercial monetization across its cricket portfolio..

VEDOMART's Twin Shows Draw Housefull Crowds in Hyderabad

Hyderabad witnessed a grand celebration of music and classical dance as VEDOM ART made a successful debut in India with two back-to-back housefull performances at Shilpakala Vedika on June 13 and 14. Featuring renowned playback singer Sunitha Upadrasta and Padma Bhushan awardee Shobana, the events attracted packed audiences and marked a significant milestone for the city's cultural landscape.

The first event, "Timeless," held on June 13, took audiences on a nostalgic musical journey through the evolution of Telugu cinema music. Led by Sunitha Upadrasta, the concert showcased evergreen melodies spanning several generations, from classics of the Bhanumathi era to contemporary chartbusters. The performance celebrated the rich legacy of Telugu film music while connecting audiences of all ages.

One of the evening's highlights was the recreation of iconic songs from the legendary film Mayabazar. Children from the popular television show Padutha Theeyaga brought the famous Relangi-Savitri sequences to life on stage, earning thunderous ap-



plause and evoking fond memories among the audience.

The concert also featured a heartfelt tribute to legendary singer S.P. Balasubrahmanyam, creating an emotional atmosphere as audiences remembered his timeless contribution to Indian music. The evening concluded on a high note with an energetic musical medley dedicated to Pawan

Kalyan, further elevating the excitement inside the packed auditorium.

Adding to the grandeur of the event, singers Srikrishna, Sahithi Chaganti, and Dhannanjay joined Sunitha on stage alongside the young performers from Padutha Theeyaga, transforming the concert into a celebration of musical talent across generations.

The following day, June 14,

VEDOM ART presented "BHAV" by Padma Bhushan Shobana and Ensemble, an internationally acclaimed Bharatanatyam production that captivated audiences with its powerful storytelling, intricate choreography, rhythmic brilliance, and stunning visual presentation. The performance showcased the depth and beauty of Indian classical dance while receiving an overwhelming response from art enthusiasts.

The completely sold-out Bharatanatyam production is being hailed as a remarkable achievement for Hyderabad's performing arts scene, reflecting the city's growing appreciation for curated cultural experiences and premium live entertainment.

Speaking on the success of the weekend, VEDOM ART representative Nikhil Polepally thanked Hyderabad audiences for their enthusiastic support. He said the overwhelming response to both events marks a strong beginning for the organization's India chapter and that several concerts, cultural programs, and premium live experiences are planned in the coming months.

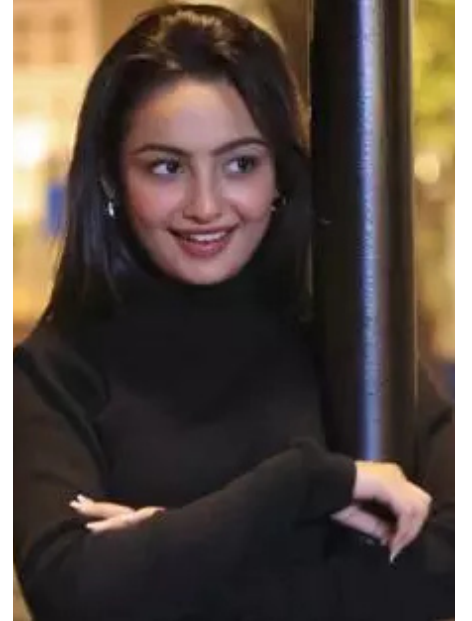
With two consecutive sold-out shows featuring iconic artistes, VEDOM ART has established itself as a promising new platform committed to bringing

'Kumkum Bhagya' Actor Sanchita Ugale Dies by Alleged Suicide

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Television actor Sanchita Ugale, known for her roles in popular shows such as 'Kumkum Bhagya' and 'Wagle Ki Duniya,' was found dead at her residence in Mumbai's Nalaso-para area in an alleged case of suicide. She was 22. According to police, the incident took place on the evening of June 14 at Sai Santoshi Building in Achole village, Nalaso-para East. Officials said Sanchita was found hanging from a ceiling fan in her bedroom using a saree. The room was locked from the inside. Family members rushed her to a Vasai-Virar Municipal Corporation hospital, where doctors declared her dead after examination.

The incident occurred between 7 and 7.30 pm on June 14th. Sanchita had locked the door from the inside and hanged herself with a sari from the ceiling fan in her bedroom. She was taken to the Vasai-Virar Municipal Corporation Hospital for treatment, where doctors declared her dead after examination. On June 15th, based on a complaint from the deceased's father, Machinda Ugale, Achole police registered a case of accidental death (ADR) under Section 194 of the Indian Civil Services Code (BNSS)," API Vinod Bagh of Achole Police Station told mediapersons.



Based on a complaint filed by her father, Machindra Ugale, Achole Police registered an Accidental Death Report (ADR) under Section 194 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) on June 15. Police said they are investigating the matter and are trying to find out the reason behind the alleged suicide. Meanwhile, Sanchita's last Instagram post was a reel in which she was seen dancing to a song. Sanchita had been steadily building her career in the television industry. She became known for playing Diya Tandon in Zee TV's 'Kumkum Bhagya.' The actor was also seen as Ruchita Jaitley in 'Wagle Ki Duniya.' She later played the lead role of Sukoon in Dangal TV's 'Dilwali Dulha Le Jayegi,' opposite actor Sorab Bedi.

GVR Karate Academy Announces Anti-Drug World Record Bid

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A poster for a unique World Record attempt to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was unveiled during a press conference held at GVR Karate Academy, Narayanaguda, on Monday. The event, to be organized on June 26 under the auspices of the Wonder Book of Records International, aims to spread awareness among youth about the dangers of drug abuse through the promotion of sports and martial arts. Speaking as the chief guest, Mahalakshmi Ramanna Goud said the initiative is a meaningful effort to encourage young people to adopt a disciplined and healthy lifestyle. She stressed that, with drug abuse becoming a growing concern among youth, activities that inspire fitness, self-confidence, and social responsibility are essential for society. She announced that on June 26 at 10:30 AM, Dr. G.S. Gopal Reddy, Founder and Director of GVR Karate Academy, will attempt to set a new World Record



by breaking 26 apples placed on the heads of six students within 26 seconds using hand-chop strikes. The feat is expected to demonstrate exceptional speed, precision, courage, and martial arts skill, making it a unique entry in the Wonder Book of Records. The six students participating in the attempt are Bhargava Sai, Praneeth, Naithik Reddy, Sanjana, Thanvi, and Chinmayee Priya. Organizers said the event is intended not only to create awareness against drug abuse but also to motivate youth to embrace discipline, sportsmanship, and positive values. Dr. G.S. Gopal Reddy stated that the participating stu-

dents have been undergoing rigorous training to ensure the success of the record attempt. He added that the programme carries a strong social message, encouraging young people to stay away from drugs and lead constructive lives through martial arts and physical fitness. The press conference was attended by Dr. Ravi Kumar, High Court Advocate Gangadhar, Senior Karate Master Radheshyam Tiwari, Advocate Kalpana Tiwari, and senior masters of GVR Karate Academy, including Amrutha Reddy, Gana Santhoshini Reddy, Avigna Venkat Reddy, Gauthami, and Abhishek.

HSBC Rugby Premier League Unveils Official Ball Ahead of Season 2

HSBC Rugby Premier League Powered by AVID Unveils Official Ball in Hyderabad as Captains from 10 Teams Gather Ahead of Season 2 Kickoff at Gachibowli Stadium

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The HSBC Rugby Premier League (RPL) powered by AVID officially unveiled its match ball on Sunday in Hyderabad, marking the countdown to the start of Season 2 at the Gachibowli Stadium. The ceremony brought together captains from all 10 participating teams along with Rugby India President and League Commissioner Rahul Bose and GMR Sports Chief Marketing Officer Sujoy Ganguly, highlighting the league's growing stature in Indian rugby.

The unveiling featured captains from six men's teams—Delhi Redz, Hyderabad Heroes, Kolkata Banga Tigers, Chennai Bulls, Mumbai Dreamers and Bengaluru Bravehearts—as well as captains from four women's teams representing Delhi Redz, Kolkata Banga Tigers, Chennai Bulls and Mumbai Dreamers.



Their presence symbolized the league's commitment to promoting both men's and women's rugby on a common platform.

Ahead of the official ball launch, Rahul Bose conducted a special Rugby Primer involving six boys and six girls from Telangana Rugby. The interactive session introduced young players and spectators to the sport's basic principles while emphasizing skill, teamwork and

strategy.

The primer explained five fundamental aspects of rugby. Players must run forward while passing the ball backward, making teamwork essential for advancing play. Defenders attempt to win possession through legal tackles, stopping the attacking side's momentum. Once tackled, a player must immediately release or place the ball behind them so teammates can continue the attack. The session also

highlighted the tactical use of kicking, which helps teams gain territory or create scoring opportunities by allowing teammates to chase and regain possession. Finally, participants learned that the primary objective is to score a try by carrying the ball across the opposition's try line and grounding it.

The event served as both a ceremonial launch and an educational initiative, aiming to familiarize new au-

diences with the sport while generating excitement ahead of the league's opening matches. With international players, team captains and young rugby enthusiasts sharing the stage, the official ball unveiling reflected the league's ambition to expand rugby's popularity and strengthen its grassroots presence in India.

Telangana govt sanctions 140 vehicles, DRF equipment for HYDRAA

The state government on Monday, June 15, sanctioned 140 vehicles and DRF equipment to the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA). The sanctioned items include 21 DRF trucks, two Innova Hy-cross vehicles, one Innova, 54 Scorpios for field teams, two troop carrier vans, two buses, 37 bikes and 21 units of DRF equipment. The move comes after the government granted additional powers to HYDRAA to undertake emergency operations for the monsoon season. This includes de-clogging of catch pits, dewatering during flooding, post-monsoon desilting, clearance of silt from roads, nala safety audits, traffic diversions and removal of obstructions to stormwater flow. The agency has also expanded its jurisdiction, leading to an increase in the number of Disaster Response Force (DRF) teams and Asset Protection Zones. Commissioner AV Ranganath proposed that under the existing situation, the agency needed more fleet and equipment to meet operational demands.

CM Revanth Warns Officials Over 99-Day Plan Lapses

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday issued a stern warning to officials who failed to conduct field visits during the government's 99-day action plan, Praja Palana - Pragathi Nivedika, directing the Chief Secretary to identify those responsible and initiate disciplinary proceedings against them. Chairing a review meeting on the implementation of the programme, conducted across the state from March 16 to June 12, the Chief Minister instructed Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao to submit a report naming officials, including district collectors, who ignored

government directions. He ordered that explanations be sought immediately from such officers on why disciplinary action should not be taken, making it clear that non-compliance with government instructions would not be tolerated. Revanth Reddy recalled that senior officials had been directed to undertake monthly field visits to closely monitor development works and welfare programmes. While appreciating departments that actively participated in the 99-day initiative, he expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of involvement by some officials. The Chief Minister also asked the Planning Department to prepare a report on the



implementation of promises made at the Assembly constituency level and submit details of assurances given during his district tours and public programmes since assuming office. He said the special initiative had strengthened the connection between the people-centric government and citizens. During the review, departments presented reports on activities carried out from the district level to villages. However, the Chief Minister observed

that several departments had failed to adequately publicise their achievements. He directed senior officials to ensure wider outreach through conventional and digital media platforms and regularly communicate government initiatives to the public. Revanth Reddy further reviewed the installation of solar power plants on school buildings and the implementation of facial recognition-based attendance systems in educational institutions and healthcare facilities, including PHCs, Osmania Hospital and Gandhi Hospital. He instructed departments to document feedback from public representatives and citizens, address issues raised in villages,

and maintain records of development works, foRevanth Warns Officials Over 99-Day Plan Lapse-sundation stones and assets created. The Panchayat Raj Department was asked to prepare a list of villages without gram panchayat buildings and formulate a construction plan. To strengthen monitoring, the Chief Minister ordered district-wise reviews of the programme, the appointment of senior IAS officers as special officers for every district, and the creation of a dashboard tracking welfare schemes, beneficiaries and development works from the district level down to constituencies, mandals and villages.

Ensure timely supply of student welfare materials: Azharuddin

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Minorities Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin held a meeting on Monday at the Secretariat to re-view the distribution of welfare materials for residential schools and hostels for the 2026-27 academic year. The meeting reviews the supply of uniforms, welcome kits and other essential materials for students of Residential Educational Institutions and Welfare Hostels for the 2026-27 academic year. The meeting focused on the timely supply of uniforms, school bags, shoes, socks, welcome kits, stationery items, dining sets, bedding

materials and other essential items for students. Azharuddin directed officials to complete all arrangements and avoid last-minute execution of works. Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar, Tribal Welfare Minister Dansari Anasuya alias Seethakka, SC, ST, Disabled and Senior Citizens Welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar and senior officials attended the meeting.

Hyderabad Police recovers 30 lost mobiles through CEIR



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In a successful operation, the Kulsumpura Police traced and recovered 30 lost mobiles via the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) application. After completing the necessary formalities, the mobiles were returned to their rightful

owners. They expressed their happiness and thanked the police for the prompt action. The Hyderabad City Police urged the public to immediately report any lost or stolen mobile phones through the CEIR portal and notify the nearest police station to enable prompt action for tracing and recovering the devices.

AI, social media can be used to delete votes: TPCC chief on SIR

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Emphasizing the critical nature of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise being carried out across the state, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president B Mahesh Kumar Goud has urged everyone starting from the Booth Level Assistants (BLA) to assembly in-charges to be highly vigilant with regard to the deletion of

votes during the process. A high-level meeting of Lok Sabha segment in-charges and ministers that was attended by All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge of Telangana Meenakshi Natarajan Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka; was held at the Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad on Monday, June 15. Addressing the meeting, Goud noted that



the Trinamool Congress (TMC) suffered a defeat in the recent West Bengal assembly elections primarily due to the deletion of votes owing to SIR. The Congress leaders were of the opinion that previously, the concern was limited to the dele-

tion of votes from specific sections or those favoring the Congress, but now there was a risk due to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and social media analysis, that could be used to identify and delete the votes of Congress' supporters. They urged a thorough examination of this issue to ensure not a single vote is lost. The Congress leaders felt that with 'voter mapping' currently underway, there was a risk

that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), in conclusion with the Election Commission of India (ECI), might delete votes favorable to the Congress. The leaders suggested keeping a close watch not only on voter un-mapping but also on 'suspicious votes.' They stressed that the current voter list was crucial for all the upcoming elections, and that every single vote had to be scrutinized with extreme care.

Muslim leaders seek reopening of Telangana Waqf Board record room

Several Muslim organisations, on Monday, June 15, demanded the immediate reopening of the Telangana Waqf Board's record room, closed for nine years. In a meeting conducted by the Tehreek Muslim Shabban and attended by several Muslim leaders who agreed that the closure has created difficulties in accessing legal documents, ownership disputes and matters relating to encroachments on Waqf properties. President of Tehreek Muslim Shabban and the Sharia Faisla Board, Mushtaq Malik, has placed five demands before the board. The immediate reopening of the record room and access to documents. The Telangana Waqf Board should publicly disclose the status of all Waqf properties. They should specify how many remained under its control, how many had been encroached upon, and how many were involved in court disputes. They also demanded that officials who failed to protect the properties be held accountable.

HYDRAA, GHMC, traffic dept set up monsoon preparedness post rains

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The Hyderabad administration has stepped up monsoon preparedness after heavy rains last week led to widespread waterlogging and severe traffic congestion across several parts of the city. On Monday, senior officials from HYDRAA, Hyderabad Traffic Police, and the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) conducted a joint inspection to identify problem areas and implement long-term solutions. The inspection covered Rajendranagar and Shamshabad zones, particularly the stretch between Pillar Nos. 265 and 191 of the PV Narasimha Rao (PVNR) Expressway, where repeated incidents of waterlogging have disrupted traffic during heavy rainfall. One of the key decisions taken during the inspection was the installation of permanent high-capacity dewatering pumps at the Ramdev Baba waterlogging point. These pumps are expected to rapidly remove accumulated rainwater during cloudbursts and intense downpours, reducing flooding and ensuring smoother traffic move-



ment. Officials also directed GHMC and HYDRAA teams to immediately clear leftover silt, garbage, and construction debris that block stormwater drains and obstruct the free flow of rainwater. The authorities emphasized that regular maintenance of drainage systems is essential to prevent flooding. To tackle traffic disruptions during heavy rains, the Hyderabad Traffic Police will deploy dedicated emergency teams at vulnerable locations. These teams will implement traffic diversions when necessary, use public address systems to guide commuters, and ensure the swift removal of stalled vehicles with the help of heavy cranes to avoid prolonged conges-

tion. In addition, HYDRAA, GHMC monsoon emergency squads, and the Traffic Police have finalized a coordinated emergency response mechanism. The agencies will share real-time updates on water levels and work together for faster response during heavy rainfall events, enabling quicker deployment of resources and minimizing inconvenience to the public. The joint inspection was led by HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath, Joint Commissioner of Traffic D. Joel Davis, and other senior officials, reflecting the city's efforts to strengthen its monsoon management strategy and improve public safety during the rainy season.

Walking Sticks Distributed on Kishan Reddy's Birthday



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On the occasion of the birthday of G. Kishan Reddy, former Jambagh corporator Rakesh Jaiswal distributed walking sticks to visually impaired students and offered sweets at the Government Blind School for Boys, TV

Tower, Moosarambagh. The service programme was attended by BJP leaders and workers, including Mahesh Yadav, Balaji Singh, Sandeep Jain, Venkat Reddy, Ravikant, Amit, Roshan, Sai Ram, and Sharad, who joined in celebrating the occasion through a charitable initiative.

Function halls in Hyderabad to follow noise pollution rules

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Police have warned function hall owners in Hyderabad to strictly adhere to noise pollution norms and refrain from causing public nuisance. Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (Golconda Zone) B Krishna Goud chaired an awareness meeting on Monday. He said that the department has received several complaints of loud music, DJ systems and the use of loudspeakers beyond permissible hours, causing inconvenience to residents living near function halls. The officer said



that due to back-to-back events and marriages, surrounding areas suffer from traffic congestion. He directed owners and managers to designate specific parking places and take all necessary pre-

cautions to maintain peace, public order and safety during events. He warned that any violation would lead to legal consequences and that criminal action would be initiated.

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